

Thank you for your interest in a nomination to United States Service Academies. There are four service academies that require a nomination:

[United States Air Force Academy](#) - Colorado Springs, CO

[United States Military Academy](#) - West Point, NY

[United States Naval Academy](#) - Annapolis, MD

[United States Merchant Marine Academy](#) - Kings Point, NY

I have established an Academy Nomination Review Board, which will review all applications and help me decide potential nominees. Under the competitive method, candidates selected for nominations by the 3rd District Academy Nomination Review Board will be evaluated by the respective academies. The Academies, themselves, will offer the final appointment.

NOTE: The fifth service academy, the [United States Coast Guard Academy](#) in New London, CT does not require a nomination. Selections are made competitively on the basis of composite of academic factors and leadership potential, extra-curricular activities, physical fitness, and recommendations.

Appointments to the academies are extremely competitive as is the nomination process. Accordingly, I encourage you to apply for nominations through all your available avenues, including United States Senators [Frank Lautenberg](#) and [Robert Menendez](#). Additionally, you may request a nomination from the Vice President. Finally, if you are a child of an active duty service member, deceased or disabled veteran, or Medal of Honor recipient, please contact my Marlton office at 856-985-2777 for additional nominating authorities.

My nominations are based on criteria indicative of one's potential for success as a military officer. Normally, a competitive candidate will have a high SAT or ACT score, and will stand in the upper fifth of his or her class. However, extra-curricular activities, leadership potential, moral character and other factors are important in the nomination process as well.

Each applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1st of the year of entry to a service academy:

AGE: Be at least 17 years old, but have not passed your 22nd Birthday

CITIZENSHIP: Be a United States Citizen

MARITAL STATUS: Be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation for the support of a child or other dependents.

DOMICILE: Must reside within the 3rd Congressional District of New Jersey

After nomination to one of the academies, the Service Academies Central Medical Review Board will schedule each candidate for a medical examination, usually at the military facility nearest to his/her home, along with a physical aptitude test.

Applicants who apply through more than one nominating authority are often confused due to different procedures used. Last minute misunderstandings can be avoided by carefully studying and following the instructions of each office to which you are applying.

The [nomination application packet](#) should be completed and returned as soon as possible but no later than September 30th. You should not wait to file your application if transcripts or test scores are not immediately available. Supporting documents such as transcripts, test scores, and letters of recommendation are due to my office no later than October 31st. Additionally, you should complete a preliminary application online for each academy you are interested in attending, as follows:

Air Force Academy at www.academyadmission.com
Merchant Marine Academy at www.usmma.edu
Military Academy at admissions.usma.edu
Naval Academy at www.usna.edu/Admissions/pre-application